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SUBJ: JORDANIAN PRESS COMMENTS ON ALLEGED ISRAELI GOV SEIZURE
OF LAND IN SEBASTIA

1. DAILY AS-SABAH AUGUST 12 EDITORIALIZES ON ALLEGED
GOI SEIZURE OF 120 DUNUMS OF LAND IN SEBASTIA "FOR
UNKNOWN PURPOSES".

2. PAPER SAYS, "IF ONE FOLLOWED THE ACCOUNTS DESCRIBING
THE ATTEMPTS OF FANATIC JEWS TO SETTLE IN THE NABLUS
AREA, ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE GOI OPPOSED SUCH
ACTIVITY. YET FOLLOWING THIS ATTEMPT, THE GOI HAS
SEIZED 120 DUNUMS OF LAND IN SEBASTIA FOR UNKNOWN
PURPOSES. IF THE GOI IS NOT WILLING TO ADMIT ITS TRUE
INTENTIONS, WE NEED ONLY TO RECALL AN INCIDENT
IN 1968, WHEN A GROUP OF RELIGIOUS JEWS HELD A SIT-
IN IN HEBRON, DEMANDING TO BUILD A NEW SETTLEMENT
OVERLOOKING THE IBRAHIMI MOSQUE. AT THAT TIME, THE
GOI REFUSED THEIR REQUEST, BUT LATER IT ACTED AS
THEIR AGENT BY EXPROPRIATING LAND AND CONSTRUCTING
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A SETTLEMENT FOR THEM. WHEN HAPPENED IN HEBRON IS

BEING REPEATED TODAY IN NABLUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SPREADING ISRAELI MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DOMINATION
OVER THE AREA".

3. EDITORIAL GOES ON TO DAMAND ARAB UNITY IN ORDER
TO COUNTER GOI MOVES.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE ABOVE REPORT SINCE
THIS IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF ALLEGED GOI LAND SEIZURE
IN SEBASTIA AREA. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION IF AND
WHEN CONGEN JERUSALEM ABLE TO DO SO. SUDDARTH

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